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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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15/05/2015: Look for Nob JA2AAU, Iku JA2ATE, Iwao JA2LSS and Mori JA2ZS to be active from Namukulu, island of Niue (OC-040, WLOTA 2139, WWFF ZLFF-021, Grid Loc. AH50), as E6NZ, E6TE, E6SS and E6ZS, respectively, from 15-25th May, 2015. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. They will also have a 6 metre Beacon. QSL for all callsigns is via JA2ZS, Bureau or direct and eQSL. [DX-World]

15/05/2015: The Camb-Hams will be active as GS3PYE/p from Grasspoint, Isle of Mull (IOSA NH15, SCOTIA CN10, WW Loc. IO76EJ), Inner Hebrides (EU-008) on 15-21 May. A large group of operators will be QRV with multiple stations on 80-10 metre SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK; VHF activity will be on 50 MHz, 70 MHz and 144 MHz, also 2m EME (see dx.camb-hams.com for exact details). Activity is planned on AO-7 (mode B), VO-52, FO-29, SO-50 and AO-73 satellites. They may do very short side trips to Iona (EU-008) and the Treshnish Islands (EU-108), and will announce these nearer the time on the website. Please QSL only via OQRS on Club Log for direct or bureau cards. Do not send any cards direct or via the bureau. [425 DX News]

15/05/2015: Masa-san, JF3ELH and Take-san, JI3DST have planned an IOTA pedition to the Oki Islands (IOTA AS-041), Shimane prefecture, and will be active as homecall/4 on 40-10 metre CW. They will activate 2 islands - 15 06:00z - 16 01:00z May: Nishino-shima [Nishino Island] and 16 06:00z - 17 01:00z May: Chiburi-shima [Chiburi Island] (WLOTA 1946). Both islands are located in within the Daisen-Oki National Park (WWFF JAFF-0007). Note: in case of heavy rain or other condition, the operation conditions may vary. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [JI3DST]

15/05/2015: Michael, OZ1KZX has plans to be active as OX/5P1KZX from Nuuk, Greenland (NA-018, WLOTA 0072) on 15 May for about ten days. In his spare time he will operate digital modes on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper cards will not be available. Updates will be posted to: www.qrz.com/db/OX/5P1KZX. [425 DX News]

15/05/2015: Budi, YF1AR is now active as YF1AR/2 from Nyamuk Island [Palau Nyamuk (Mosquito island)] and Kaimun Jawa Island, Karimun Jawa Archipelago (IOTA OC-186) until 17 May, 2015. QRV on 40-10m mainly SSB. Budi plans to activate lighthouses on the islands - Nyamuk Lighthouse (ARLHS IDO-073, WW Loc. OI54CE) and Tanjung Pudak Lighthouse (ARLHS IDO-381, WW Loc. OI54FC). The islands are also part of the Kepulauan Karimun Jawa National Park (WWFF YBFF-0024). QSL OQRS via YF1AR Club Log or via N2OO, direct or W2 bureau. Further inforamtion and updates at: www.qrz.com/db/yf1ar [YF1AR]

16/05/2015: Alan, G3XAQ will be active from Brusubi, The Gambia, as C56XA from 16 May until 4 June 2015. Holiday style operation on the HF bands. Activity will include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (30-31 May). QSL via G3SWH - you can search the log and request QSLs at: www.g3swh.org.uk/c56xa.html [DX-World]

16/05/2015: Ampelio, IK3JBP will be active as IK3JBP/4 on 16th and 17th May during the VHF/UHF Veneto Contest from the lighthouse of Goro (WAIL ER-007, ARLHS ITA-073/176, WW Loc. JN64ET). He will also be QRV on 40, 30 and 17 metre SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [WAIL]

16/05/2015: Graham, MM0GHM plans a holiday style activation as MM0GHM/p and MM0GHM/m from Barra Island (IOSA OH11, SCOTIA HI02), Outer Hebrides (EU-010) from 16th till 23rd May, 2015. During his travels around the island it is possible he could activate WAB squares NF60, NF70, NL69 and NL70. QSL via RSGB bureau or direct. Also e-QSL (AG). [rsgbiota.org]

16/05/2015: Marcel, PD2MZ will be active on the 16th and 17th of May 2015 from Castle Loevestein (WCA/COTA-PA PA-00164). He plans to work as special callsign PC6LC on all bands. QSL info via PA9F, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

16/05/2015: Look for Hans, DK3PZ to be active as SM7/DK3PZ from Oland Island (EU-037, WLOTA 0588) between 16-23 May, 2015. QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred and eQSL. [rsgbiota.org]

16/05/2015: Adhi, YB3MM will be active as YB3MM/p from Tabuhan Island (IOTA OC-237) between 16-17th May, 2015. Although Tabuhan Island is not listed on RSGB IOTA website, it is already confirmed as OC-237 by Roger, G3KMA. QRV on the HF bands (40-10m). QSL via home call, direct / OQRS or via IZ8CCW. Website: www.qrz.com/db/YB3MM [DX-World]

17/05/2015: Members of the Clube Radioamadores do Entroncamento, will use the special callsign CR6AG on 16th May from the Castelo de Alegrete (WCA CT-0096, DCFP C-096, DMHP PG-006, DMP 1214), Portalegre province, Portugal. Operation will be on the HF bands using SSB and Digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions. [OPDX Bulletin]

18/04/2015: Operating from the island of Rarotonga (OC-013, WLOTA 0971), South Cook Islands, look for Doug W6HB and Brad W0VFT to be active as E51DLD and E51VFT, respectively, from 18-23 May 2015. QRV on 160-10m using the shacks of Andy E51AND and Jim E51JD. QSL E51DLD via W6HB with SASE for USA; SAE + $2USD for non-USA. QSL E51VFT via W0VFT with SASE for USA; SAE + $2USD for non-USA. [DX-World]

18/05/2015: Ken, JA8CDG will again be active from the island of Dominica (IOTA NA-101) as J79JA between 18-24th May, 2015. QRV on HF bands + 6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JN1THL (direct only, NO BUREAU). [DX-World]

18/05/2015: Toshi, JA8RUZ will be active from the island of Dominica (IOTA NA-101) from 18-22 May 2015 as J79RZ. It will little shorter operation from Ken, J79JA. Activity will be on HF CW and SSB using TS-590, ALS-600 Ameritron, 3el yagi @ 10m, vertical and dipole. Only direct with SAE and suficient postage to Japan (Toshikazu Kawanishi, CPO BOX 57, Asahikawa, Hokkaido, 070-8691, Japan) - DO NOT send to JA Buro. [ATDX]

18/05/2015: James, KG4JSZ (SMIRK # 6551, 10-10 # 74882) will be stopping off on Santa Rosa [aka Okaloosa] Island (NA-142, USi FL-003S), Florida, on his return trip from the Hamvention in Dayton, OH. QRV as KG4JSZ/p for one day only on 18th May (01:00 - 17:00 UTC) on, or near, the usual HF IOTA and island frequencies. QSL to home call, direct with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage or LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

19/05/2015: Following his activity on Mauritius Island, Jose EA5IDQ plans to activate Rodrigues Island (AF-017, WLOTA 4265, WWFF 3BFF-004) as 3B9/EA5IDQ between 19-23 May, 2015. QRV on 40-6 metre SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. Website: www.dxpedition.eu/ [NG3K]

19/05/2015: Peter (VK3FN) as P40FN, Chris (VK3FY) as P40FY and David (K3LP) as P40DC will be active from the P49V rental shack (Cook's Radio Retreat) located in Oranjestad, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033, WW Loc. FK42xn) between 19-26th May. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL all calls via M0OXO - bureau requests ONLY via Club Log OQRS. [VK3FN]

20/05/2015: From 20-25th May 2015 Pete, N8PR and Bill, NZ5N will be operating from the Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042, WW Loc. EK99ig). Plans are to operate primarily 2 Metre EME. They will have 2M/440 and an Elk antenna for some possible FM satellite QSOs if the passes are at times when the moon is not up. If time allows they will operate HF SSB and maybe JT65HF. Equipment will be 2x9 element yagis for EME and 800-1200 watts using an I0JXX amplifier with LNA at the antenna. The main rig will be an Icom 7100. HF antennas should be available at the station site, and that will determine what HF bands we can get on. QSL via N8PR (Pete Rimmel, PO Box 848879, Hollywood, FL 33084, USA). Website: www.qrz.com/db/zf2em [DX-World]

21/05/2015: The Italian DXpedition Team is pleased to announce its next DXpedition. Unlike some of its previous activities this trip is dedicated to a specific event: the recent authorization for the usage of 6 metre band in the Republic of Kenya. The trip to Nairobi (WW Loc. KI88KS) is planned for the 21st of May until the 31st and the crew will use the call 5Z0L. Team members include Silvano I2YSB, Vinicio IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA and Stefano IK2HKT. The pilot station will be Art, IK7JWY. The 6 metre pilot will be Sergio, IK0FTA. They plan to be QRV on 80-6m CW, SSB and RTTY using 3 stations (K3 + KPA-500 amplifier), 2 x 5 band spider beams, 3 band 1/4 wave vertical, I0JXX 5el 50MHz beam. QSL via I2YSB, direct only. The IDT will leave in Kenya the 5JXX6 5 elements antenna to Daniel 5Z4/EA4ATI, to continue the activities on 6m after the end of the dxpedition. Further info, updates, OQRS, log online real time at: www.i2ysb.com/joomla5/ [DX-World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

06/06/2015: Tino, DO3MXK and Ronny, DL1RNW plan a short VHF activity from Lithuania (Grid Loc. KO23) on 6-8th June. At 50 and 144 MHz is planned MS ES and Tropo. Possibly EME on 144 MHz. QSL via home calls, direct preferred. [MMMonVHF]

09/06/2015: Radio Club Sotkamo (OH8K) members Sami, OH9GDT and Jussi, OH6ZZ plan a 144MHz EME-MS DXpedition to Market Reef (EU-053, ARLHS MAR-001, WLOTA 0542, WW Loc. JP90NH, WWFF OHFF-0038) on 9-15th June. Ant 2x11H/ 2x10V. Further information is forthcoming. QSL OH2BH. [MMMonVHF]

27/06/2015: Karl, KD5LCP plans to be active as KD5LCP/p from Grand Isle (NA-168, USi LA-003S), Jefferson county, Louisiana, on 27-28 June. He will be on a fishing trip so operation will be sporatic. Karl will only be operating CW at QRP power levels. QSL via home call. [rsgbiota.org]

30/06/2015: Harry, F5OWK reports: "Moustafa (Mat') F4HGL will be in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq, for six months, from the end of June to the end of December 2015. He has requested his licence a few days ago and he is now waiting for his call sign. Without any sponsor, his equipment will be modest (IC-718 or FT-450D + Alpha EZ Military + HyEndFed 5 bands). He will operate mostly in SSB during spare time. QSL manager F5OWK. [DxCoffee]

18/07/2015: Jan, DG8HJ will once again be active on the HF bands as DG8HJ/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, DID/GIA O-001, WLOTA 0637) between 18 July and 3 August 2015. Fehmarn island is located off the eastern coast of Schleswig-Holstein state, district of Ostholstein, Germany. Look for Jan to

be QRV during the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

25/07/2015: Look for Dave, GM0LVI to be QRV on the HF bands as homecall/p from Tanera Mor (IOSA SC10, SCOTIA CN32, WAB NB90), Summer Isles (EU-092) from 25-31 July. Expect activity in the RSGB IOTA Contest as a Single-Op entry. Dave will be using a KX3, various GPs and a Buddistick. QSL bureau or direct to GM0LVI or LoTW [rsgbiota.org]

28/07/2015: Tim, N3QE plans to be active as N3QE/KH6 from the island of Maui (USi HI-018S, WLOTA 0636), Maui county, Hawaiian Islands (OC-019) from 28 July until 3 August 2015 with focus on the North American CW QSO Party (1-2 August). Outside the contest Tim will be QRV on the HF bands, holiday style. QSL via home call. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. [ATDX]

22/08/2015: Focusing on 6m EME, Lance W7GJ will be active as V6M from the Ulithi Adventure Lodge (WW Loc. PK90va), Falalop Island, Ulithi Atoll (OC-078), Yap State, Federated States of Micronesia, from 26th August until 3rd September, 2015. Main CQ frequency will be 50.190 MHz using JT65A. There will be NO INTERNET. Please use ON4KST EME CHAT page for coordinating your calling frequency so as not to cause QRM with other callers. PSE spot contacts with me on the 6m DX CLUSTER to alert others to his operational status and frequency. QSL info: Sorry, no LoTW, eQSL or other newfangled ways of confirmation. Please QSL DIRECT with SASE (foreign stations include a current IRC or $USD for postage) direct to: Lance Collister W7GJ, P.O. Box 73, Frenchtown, MT 59834-0073, USA. Full information and updates at: www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Micronesia2015.htm [DX-World]

03/09/2015: Giulio, IW3HVB will be active from the Moorea Golf Lodge, Moorea Island (OC-046, DIFO FO-010, WLOTA 0465, WW Loc. BH52CM), Societe Archipelago, French Polynesia, between 3-10 September 2015 as TX7EME. "TX" this year on 144 EME. The aerial will be composed of two 9 elements crossed yagi I3DLI design, over an alu/fiberglass crossboom, on a 3 mt high alu mast. Tracking will be dealt with by pstrotator, driving a nice AZ/EL rotor. Polarization switching will be manual, and I will be using an ITALAB amplifier for the necessary power. RIG will be an Elecraft K3 with internal transverter. QSL cards will be answered only via direct (Giulio Pico, Via Umberto Saba 13/Bm, 30038 Spinea (Venezia), ITALY). Please send a SASE/SAE with 3 Euro / USD or through Paypal. Further information and updates at: www.iw3hvb.it/ [MMMonVHF]

19/10/2015: Jacek, SP5EAQ has announced that he plans to be QRV from Rarotonga (OC-013, WLOTA 0971), South Cook Islands, starting 19th October 2015, for two weeks. Callsign will be known later. QRV on 80-10m; SSB (including the CQ WW DX SSB contest). QSL via SP7DQR (bureau, direct, OQRS). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX-World]

24/10/2015: Operators Paul K9NU, John W9ILY, Guy VE2BWL, John K9EL will be active from the island of French Saint Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (24-25 October) as TO1E (QSL TBA), a Multi-Op entry. Before and after the contest look for the team to be active holiday style on the HF bands using FS/homecalls. QSL via the operators home call. [ATDX]

12/11/2015: Operators Rob N7QT, Jared N7SMI, Sandro VE7NY, Adam K7EDX and others will be activate between 12-21 November 2015 as VK9WA from Mid Islet (also called Middle Islet, Middle Cay, Mid Cay, Mid Island, etc.), the smallest of the three Willis Islets (OC-007, WW Loc. OH43XS). The team will

depart Cairns, Australia on the MV Phoenix vessel for the 30 hour trip to Middle Island. The island is only 4 acres in size and uninhabited. They will operate high power CW, SSB, and RTTY on 80 through 10 metres (possibly 160 metres) for 10 days (subject to weather, etc.). The primary focus will be providing all time new contacts with this highly demanded, rarely activated DXCC entity. QSL via Club Log OQRS direct or bureau is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. QSL also OK via N7SMI, direct or bureau. LoTW and eQSL upload immediately after the operation. Additional details are available on their website at: vk9wa.com/ [DX-World]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

15/05/2015: Special event station IR6ANA will be active from L'Aquila on 15-17 May for the 88th national reunion of the Italian Army's Alpine troops. QSL via IK6DEN. Also active will be IZ1BWB as IZ1CCK/6 from the Alpine Brigade 'Taurinense' station. [425 DX News]

15/05/2015: Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union, two special callsigns will be active from Uruguay on 15-30 May: CW150ITU by Radio Club Uruguayo (QSL via CX1AA, direct or bureau), and CX150ITU by Radiogrupo Sur (QSL via CX2ABC, direct only). [425 DX News]

17/05/2015: The 17th of May 2015 is the ITU anniversary day and so EDR Eksperimenterende Danske Radioamatorer will be activating the special Call sign OZ150ITU, from 00:00 to 23:59 UTC on this day. The activity will take place from many different QTH's in Denmark and the different operators will get a unique secondary suffix to the callsign. The secondary suffix will be /xx where xx is a number between 10 and 99. Activity will be on 160, 80, 40 20, 15 and 10 metre bands using CW, SSB and Digi modes. You can achieve a special Award by contacting different OZ150ITU/xx operators. QSL via OZ0J, OQRS preferred. Further information about this activity and respective award can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/oz150itu [OZ0J]

17/05/2015: For the 90th anniversary of the REF (Reseaux des Emetteurs Francais) special call TM90REF will be QRV on all bands and modes from 17-31 May 2015. ALL QSOs will be automatically confirmed by the Bureau from the REF QSL Bureau. [F6AJA]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/05-25/05 E6SS: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-25/05 E6TE: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-25/05 E6ZS: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-21/05 GS3PYE/P: Isle of Mull WLOTA:2485 QSL Club Log OQRS
15/05-17/05 JF3ELH/4: Chiburi-jima WLOTA:1946 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/05-17/05 JI3DST/4: Chiburi-jima WLOTA:1946 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/05-25/05 OX/5P1KZX: Greenland WLOTA:0072 QSL eQSL/LoTW
16/05-17/05 IK3JBP/4: Po di Goro WAIL:ER-007 WLOL:ITA-073/176 QSL H/c (d/B)
16/05-23/05 SM7/DK3PZ: Oland WLOTA:0588 QSL H/c (B/eQSL)
18/05-23/05 E51DLD: Rarotonga Island WLOTA:0971 QSL W6HB (d)
18/05-23/05 E51VFT: Rarotonga Island WLOTA:0971 QSL W0VFT (d)
19/05-23/05 3B9/EA5IDQ: Rodrigues Island WLOTA:4265 QSL H/c (d/B)
19/05-26/05 P40DC: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL M0OXO OQRS
19/05-26/05 P40FN: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL M0OXO OQRS
19/05-26/05 P40FY: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL M0OXO OQRS

20/05-25/05 ZF2EM: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL N8PR (d)

6 METRES & UP -

15/05-16/05 7Q7EME: Malawi Grid:KH77ap 432.090MHz EME QSL PA3CEE (d)
15/05-25/05 E6NZ: Niue OC-040 Grid:AH50 6m CW/SSB/Beacon QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-25/05 E6SS: Niue OC-040 Grid:AH50 6m CW/SSB/Beacon QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-25/05 E6TE: Niue OC-040 Grid:AH50 6m CW/SSB/Beacon QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-25/05 E6ZS: Niue OC-040 Grid:AH50 6m CW/SSB/Beacon QSL JA2ZS (d/B)
15/05-21/05 GS3PYE/P: Mull EU-008 Grid:IO76 6-2m TR-MS-EME QSL M0VFC (d/B)
16/05-17/05 European EME Contest 10GHz & Up 16 0000z-17 2400z
16/05-17/05 144MHz May Contest SF/SO/Open/CW/Phone 16 1400z-17 1400z
16/05 Feld-Hell Hamvention Sprint (1) 6m class 1600z-1759z
16/05 Feld-Hell Hamvention Sprint (2) 6m class 2000z-2159z
17/05 1st 144MHz Backpackers Phone/CW 1100z-1500z
19/05 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
19/05 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest Open/SO/MO 1800z-2200z
19/05 SPAC 1.3GHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
19/05 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
20/05-22/05 7Q7EME: Malawi Grid:KH77ap 144.134MHz EME QSL PA3CEE (d)
20/05-25/05 ZF2EM: Grand Cayman Grid: EK99 2m EME + Sat QSL N8PR (d)
21/05 SPAC 70MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
21/05 NRAU 70MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
21/05-31/05 5Z0L: Kenya Grid:KI88ks 50.102CW, 50.123USB QSL I2YSB (d)

D4C/B CABO VERDE VHF -
On 6th of May 2015 history was made on contact across the Atlantic on VHF bands on the W-E path: The new D4C 2m beacon was received on Tropo for several hours in the Caribbean by PJ4VHF Dave on Bonaire on almost 4700km path. [ATDX]

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_may.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSL RU9CZD -
Please note that with immediate effect I am now the QSL manager for this station. As Igor is not a member of the RSGB, paper cards are ONLY available direct with adequate return postage. Those logs that I have available have been uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. There is also a log search at www.g3swh.org.uk/ru9czd.html
73 for now
Phil Whitchurch
G3SWH and AD5YS
www.g3swh.org.uk

QSLs via Bureau: BY1WJ [AS-134].

QSLs via Direct: 1A0C (OQRS/IZ7KHR), 6V1A [AF-045] (6W7JX), C21EU (DL2AWG), K1N (OQRS/N2OO), RI1ANT (RW1AI), RI1ANZ (RN1ON), V63MJ [OC-059 Kosrae] (OQRS/M0URX) and YB8RW/3 [OC-237] (H/c).

QSLs via LoTW: 5B4ALX, 9K90IARU, C4A, HG7T, JT1BV, K1N, L33M, OH1TM, OM8AA, SK2T, WP2Z, XQ1CR and YF1AR/4.

BITS & PIECES -

3Y/B Bouvet Island - Final Press Release [Update]
09 May 2015
Mark ON4WW reports:
"After press release #3, I was optimistic in terms of securing the required funding for the "one-man three-month concept" DXpedition. Thanks to so many of you, the necessary up-front expenses were getting close to being covered by the pledges received at that time. I was also hopeful that the larger DX associations and foundations would step forward to contribute as we were getting close to realization.
At this point in time, I have no other choice than to report that the funding is not sufficient to move forward. As I am sure you know, there are a number of large DXpeditions being arranged for late 2015 and early 2016, and they are more or less competing for the same resources. I didn't manage to create sufficient interest among potential external (non-ham) donors, and my one-man concept is of course somewhat controversial by nature. Though, I am still convinced that - even if my particular approach is not necessarily the solution - future DXpeditioning has to find other forms in order to remain sustainable.
After having received permission for Bouvet from NPI (Norwegian Polar Institute), my wife (!), my employer (5 months leave without pay) and getting close to the sufficient up-front funding, this is a bitter pill to swallow. But I am extremely grateful to all of you for having lived this dream with me. And not the least to my angel sponsor who kept things going. As I stated from the beginning, don't be sad, someone else will activate Bouvet!"
73 - Mark - ON4WW. [DxCoffee]

VK0EK HEARD ISLAND NEWS (14-May-2015) -
Expeditions signed a contract with Nigel Jolly, owner and operator of the Braveheart, for the expedition to Heard Island, and moved the project schedule to March 6 - April 20, 2016. [ATDX]

VP8STI & VP8SGI South Sandwich Isl. & South Georgia Isl. [Press Release]
11 May 2015
The Intrepid DX Group's VP8SGI/VP8STI team is pleased to announce our operating strategy which will allow us to work as many unique callers as possible during each of these activations.
During our voyage to South Sandwich, which is the first island that we will activate, we will use our newly donated BGAN terminal to access solar data. We will also check in with our US, EU and JA Pilots to determine which bands are currently propagating well. We will then select a band; possibly 20, 17 or 15 meters and we will be QRV with one station on this band for the duration of the Dxpedition. This will give everyone a chance to work us at least once on the selected band.
In addition, during our final 24 hours of QRV from each island, we will announce and only accept contacts from new-first time stations on this selected band. Those chasing band slots can work us 160-10 meters on the other bands; however we feel that it is of critical importance that our primary strategy includes a means for everyone to make at least one contact with these rare islands.
We are pleased to announce our "Early Donor" program for donations prior to departure to the Islands. For all donations of $25 or more, we will perform an early LoTW upload and we will include all $25 or more donors in the first batch of QSL processing. Our OQRS will be live during the Dxpedition. Direct QSL cards and bureau QSL cards will be processed last. Our plans are moving forward in all aspects. We are about to make our

second installment of $113,000 to the Braveheart. The Dxpedition Team has committed to paying half the costs of this Dxpedition and our Team's contribution is $210,000.
To date, we have raised $105,000 towards our goal of raising $215,000. This puts us at 47% of our target. We would welcome additional support from the many DX Clubs around the globe.
At the time of our activations, South Sandwich will be the #3 most wanted entity, while South Georgia will be the #7 most wanted DXCC entity.
All information about our plans can be found on our website:
http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8
Lastly, many of the VP8STI/VP8SGI Team members will be attending the 2015 Hamvention this weekend in Dayton, Ohio. We look forward to meeting and sharing our plans with everyone interested in VP8STI/VP8SGI.
Thank you,
The Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team [DxCoffee]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
Note: My website is constantly updated and will often show activity that did not make it in time for the I.C.P.O. Bulletin, and last minute announcements. My DX Calendar page is a good place to start to find updated information between bulletins.
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